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NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Environmental Control Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at the hour of 10:00 AM in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

296493 RESOLUTION REGARDING INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS BY COOK COUNTY ON THE COUNTY'S TEN WORST POLLUTERS ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Peter N. Silvestri, County Commissioner; Co-Sponsored by Mike Quigley, William M. Beavers, Jerry Butler, Forrest Claypool, Earlean Collins, John P. Daley, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Gregg Goslin, Roberto Maldonado, Joseph Mario Moreno, Joan Patricia Murphy, Anthony J. Peraica, Timothy O. Schneider, Peter N. Silvestri, Deborah Sims, Robert B. Steele And Larry Suffredin, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION REGARDING INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS BY COOK COUNTY ON THE COUNTY'S TEN WORST POLLUTERS ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency rated 16,405 facilities across the nation on a health risk score based on chemicals released into the air and the surrounding population density; and

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WHEREAS, seven of the top one hundred facilities are located in Cook County, Illinois, giving Cook County the highest risk level in the United States, and

WHEREAS, these facilities are located across the county, and are rated as follows:

Chicago Castings Co. (5th) - Cicero
Corn Products Argo (18th) - Bedford Park
Avery Dennison (19th) - Niles
A. Finkl & Sons (21st) - Chicago/ Southport and Armitage Avenues
Temtco Steel (67th) - Chicago/ Cicero and Bloomingdale Avenues
Owens Corning (69th) - Summit
and ISG Riverdale (87th) -135th and Perry Avenues; and

WHEREAS, the chemicals sent into the air by these industries include manganese, which affects the nervous system, sulfuric acid, which causes irritations, gastrointestinal and respiratory problems, dilsocyanates, which causes irritations, gastrointestinal and respiratory problems, chromium, which affects lower lung functions, asthma, risk of lung cancer and other functions, nickel, which creates a higher risk of lung cancer, dermatitis and bronchitis, and lead, which effects the nervous system and results in low sperm counts, and impacts blood pressure and kidney functions; and

WHEREAS, this report and rating is of importance to the health and safety of the people of Cook County, Illinois.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby direct the Cook County Department of Environmental Control to review the reports of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, present such report and its analysis to the Board, and in addition, present any potential remedies provided to County government, through its Environmental Control Committee, no later than December 1st, 2008.

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

Chairman: Quigley
Vice- Silvestri

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Chairman:

Members: Beavers, Gorman, Moreno, Peraica, Steele